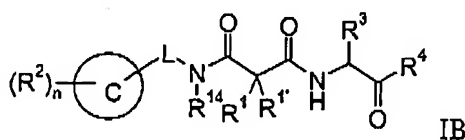
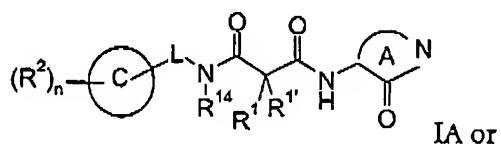


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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATIONAbstract

The invention relates to malonamide derivatives of formula



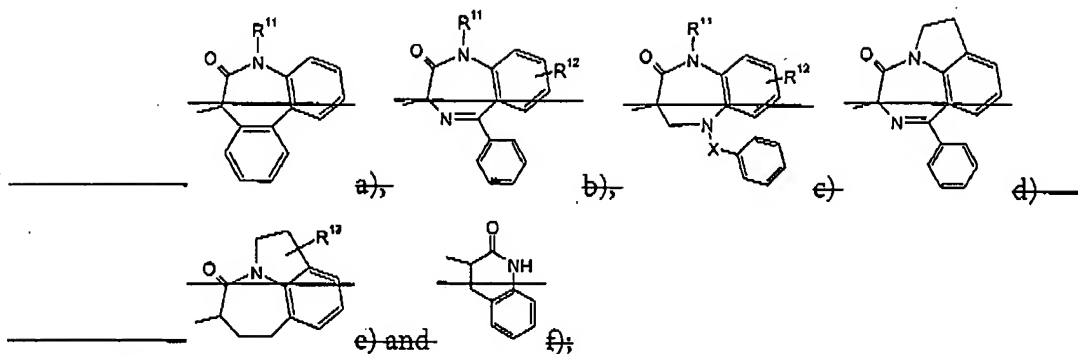
wherein each of the variables

L is a bond, $(CH_2)_m$, $CH(CH_3)$, or is

is a cyclic ring, selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridinyl, furanyl, benzo[b]thiophenyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indanyl, 2,2-dimethyl-[1,3]dioxolanyl and tetrahydrofuranly;

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and $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, R^9, R^{10}, R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13}, R^{14}, n$ and X are as defined in the specification and to pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof. The compounds are γ -secretase inhibitors. Thus, the invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds and to a method of treating Alzheimer's disease by administering the compounds of the invention.